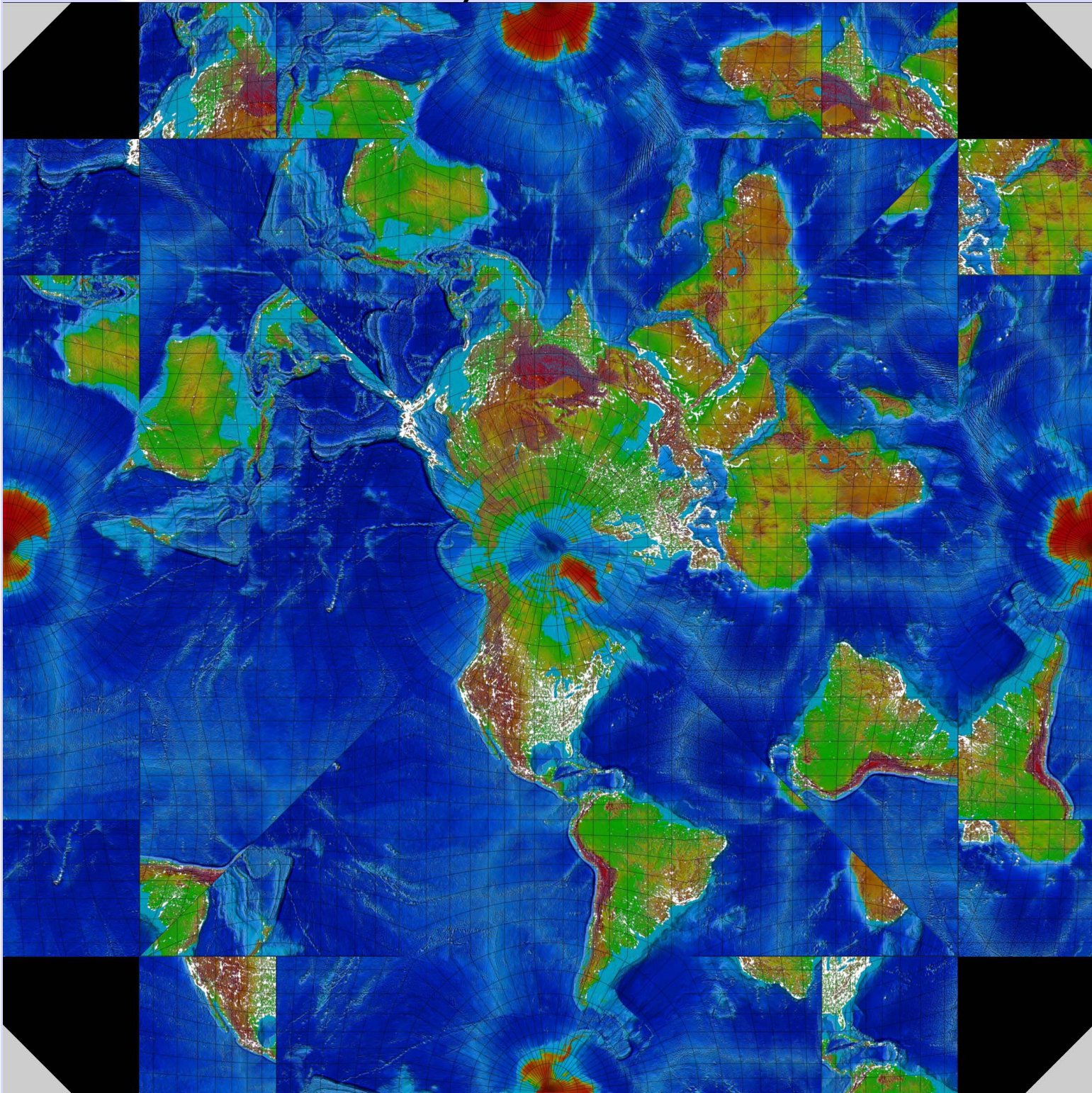


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The curiously-shattered image of the globe (left) can be folded into an origami balloon (some assembly required -- see below) that reassembles the map. The image is a composite from ETOPO2 topography and bathymetry overlaid with nighttime lights from DMSP. Print this page as big as you can, cut out the entire map square, and strike a blow for world pieces.

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Start with a square of paper face-down

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Fold one of the free corners to meet the center

3

Crease it diagonally

4

Fold all four free corners this way

5

Crease it along the other diagonal and the midline

6

Fold down one of the free points

7

Squash it into a flat triangle

8

Fold one point up

9

Fold all four points this way

10

Open up the pocket on the left; curl the point into the pocket

11

Fold and tuck all four points this way

12

Open up the shape and find the open end

Finally -- Hold it by the edges and blow sharply into the hole. The balloon will inflate.

Origami Balloon Projection and instructions courtesy of Flaming Pear Software, Inc. (Commercial Disclaimer Link)

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